

REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/722,367
Filing Date	November 28, 2000
First Named Inventor	Drebin
Group Art Unit	2671
Examiner Name	Nguyen, Kimbinh T.
Attorney Docket Number	723-968

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

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iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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ii. ☐ Petition is made to extend the due date _____ months (less _____ months previously paid) \$

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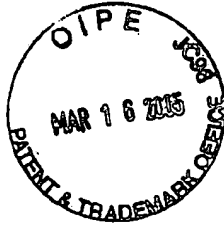
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Atty. Ref.: 723-968

TC/A.U.: 2671

Examiner: Nguyen, Kimbinh T.

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March 16, 2005

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Applicant requests a refund of \$790.00 for a 2/3/05 charge to Deposit Account 14-1140, code 1801(Request for Continued Examination).

On 7/7/04 applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination and paid the \$770 fee. See the attached copy of the filing along with a copy of the canceled check. On 2/3/05, a \$790 charge was made to Deposit Account 14-1140 in response to a 2/1/05 Status Inquiry (see attached). This \$790 charge was made in error. Therefore please credit our account 14-1140 for the erroneously charged \$790 under order number 723-968. For this purpose a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATUS INQUIRY

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement on July 7, 2004 (see attached with postcard receipt). However, the PTO PAIR system (printout attached) has no indication of the RCE filing. As of this date, applicant has not received any further communication from the Patent Office regarding this case. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

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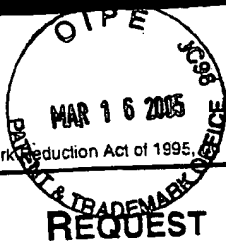
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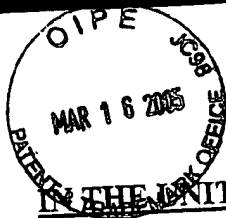
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Rule 97, the undersigned attorney submits the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. One of these documents (Heidrich et al) was cited against the EP counterpart to related commonly assigned co-pending application Serial No. 09/722,382 (attorney docket 723-961) (see pages 6-7 of 5/16/03 Information Disclosure Statement). A copy of the EP search report is also attached. Other listed items have been cited in 09/722,382, which application is subject to an Office Action mailed 5/14/2004, but have not yet been made of record in this case. Still other listed items have just now been uncovered.

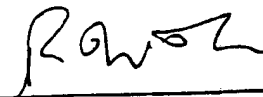
Applicants request the Examiner to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and return a copy to indicate that the attached documents have been considered and made of record in this case.

Since this case has been allowed, applicants are concurrently filing a Request For Continued Examination to permit consideration of these items.

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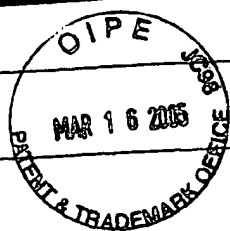
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	Heidrich, W. et al., "Illuminating Micro Geometry Based On Precomputed Visibility," (7/23-28/2000), 2000 SIGGRAPH Annual Conference Proceedings (XP-001003586, ACM July 2000)
	Matthews, M., "Graphics: Pick a Card...Any Card," 10 pages
	Peercy, M. et al., "Efficient Bump Mapping Hardware," 4 pages
	Press Release, "NVIDIA Introduces New Groundbreaking GPU" (4/26/2000)
	Press Release, "NVIDIA Introduces Breakthrough GPU for Mainstream PCs" (6/28/2000)
	Press Release, "New NVIDIA Software Unleashes The Power of the GeForce Architecture-Provides Up To 50% Performance Gain" (8/14/2000)
	Press Release, "New NVIDIA GPU Breaks One Billion Pixels Per Second Barrier" (8/14/2000)

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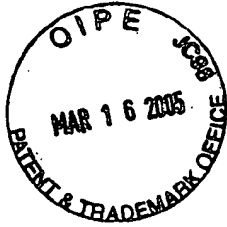
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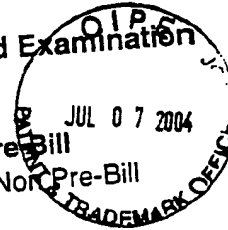
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